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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously presented) A case for confining a first circuit card to a particular location within a housing, the case comprising:
 - a pair of opposing end walls;
 - a pair of opposing side walls coupled to the end walls;
 - wherein the pair of end walls and the side walls form a slot; and
 - an actuator disposed within the slot, the actuator engageable with the first circuit card for clamping the first circuit card between the actuator and one of the pair of opposing end walls of the case.
2. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1, wherein the actuator is resilient element.
3. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1, wherein the first circuit card is in slidable contact with the case.
4. (Original) The case of claim 1, wherein the case is thermally coupled to the housing.
5. (Original) The case of claim 1, wherein a heat sink is disposed between the case and the housing.
6. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1, further comprising
 - a second circuit card; and
 - a partition sandwiched between the first and second circuit cards; and

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wherein the actuator is engagable with one of the circuit cards.

7. (Original) A case for confining a pair of circuit cards to different locations within a housing, the case comprising:

a pair of opposing side walls and first and second end walls;

a partition disposed between the first and second end walls that divides the case into a first slot bounded by a portion of each of the side walls, the partition, and the first end wall and a second slot bounded by another portion of each of the side walls, the partition, and the second end wall, the first and second slots each containing one of the circuit cards; and

an actuator engagable with the circuit card in the first slot for clamping the circuit card in the first slot, the partition, and the circuit card in the second slot between the actuator and the second end wall.

8. (Previously presented) The case of claim 7, wherein the actuator is a resilient element.

9. (Original) The case of claim 7, wherein the circuit cards are in slidable contact with each of the sidewalls.

10. (Original) The case of claim 7, wherein the partition is in slidable contact with each of the sidewalls.

11. (Original) The case of claim 7, wherein the second end wall is thermally coupled to the housing.

12. (Original) The case of claim 7, wherein a heat sink is disposed between the second end wall and the housing.

Claims 13-135 (Cancelled)

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136. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1, wherein the actuator is a cam.
137. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1, wherein the actuator is a wedge.
138. (Previously presented) The case of claim 1, wherein one of the pairs of end walls is in direct thermal contact with the first circuit card.
139. (Previously presented) The case of claim 7, wherein the actuator is a cam.
140. (Previously presented) The case of claim 7, wherein the actuator is a wedge.